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## Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES Washington, DC

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Docket No. 16-CRB-0009-CD (2014-17)
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2014-17 Cable Funds	)	
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## NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC.'S MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE NOTICE OF CONTROVERSY

National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") respectfully moves the Copyright Royalty Judges to accept the late filing of NPR's Notice of Controversy in the above-captioned proceeding, which is being filed concurrently with this motion.

Pursuant to the Scheduling Order and Notice of Voluntary Negotiation Period entered on April 5, 2021, NPR's Notice of Controversy was due on July 19, 2021. Between the time of the entry of the Scheduling Order in April and the filing deadline, NPR's longtime prior counsel in this and previous CRB proceedings, Gregory A. Lewis, retired. The undersigned noticed her appearance as NPR's counsel of record in this proceeding as of today. Due to a misunderstanding in the transition of responsibilities, the undersigned was not aware of the July 19, 2021, filing deadline.

None of the parties participating in this proceeding will be prejudiced by the grant of this motion. Throughout the Voluntary Negotiation Period began, NPR has engaged in good faith settlement discussions with every relevant party to the proceeding. Each such party has knowledge of NPR's proposal. Almost all the parties have already informally accepted NPR's proposed settlement terms, and no party has rejected NPR's proposal. Despite the delay in filing its Notice of Controversy, NPR expects that it will soon resolve all its claims by voluntary agreement, as it

has done in the several most recent previous cable royalty distribution proceedings.

NPR will take steps to ensure that all other filings in this proceeding will be timely.

Because NPR's failure to meet the deadline was inadvertent and no parties have been unduly

prejudiced, NPR respectfully requests that the Judges grant this motion and accept the late filing

of its Notice of Controversy.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Proof of Delivery**

I hereby certify that on Monday, July 26, 2021, I provided a true and correct copy of the NPR Motion to Accept Late Notice of Controversy to the following:

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